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**D.C. DEPARTMENT
OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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September 21, 2001

Mr. Neil Albert, Director
Department of Parks and Recreation
3149 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Albert:

Enclosed is our final *Report of Inspection of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)*. Comments from DPR on the 49 findings and 84 recommendations by the inspection team are included in the report. Generally, all of their comments were responsive to our recommendations.

While the inspection report identifies management challenges in a variety of services and operations, we note with particular concern the deficiencies found in the areas of procurement, contracting, and property accountability. Failure to address these deficiencies will continue to create the potential for waste, fraud, and abuse at the agency.

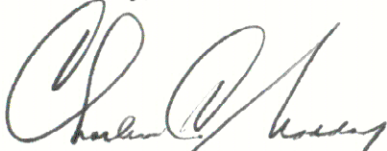
Also enclosed are *Compliance Forms* on which to record and report to this Office any actions you have taken concerning each outstanding recommendation. These forms will assist you in tracking the completion of action(s) taken by your staff, and will assist this Office in its inspection follow-up activities. We track agency compliance with all agreed-upon recommendations made in our reports of inspection. We request that you and your administrators establish response dates on the forms and advise us of those dates so we can enter them on our copies of the *Compliance Forms*. We know that in some instances, things beyond your control, such as budget decisions, impact on trying to set specific deadlines. In those instances we request that you assign *target dates* based on whatever knowledge and experience you have about a particular issue. Please ensure that the *Compliance Forms* are returned to the OIG by the response date, and that reports of "Agency Action Taken" reflect actual completion, in whole or in part, of a recommended action rather than "planned" action.

We appreciate the cooperation shown by you and your employees during the inspection and we hope to continue in a cooperative relationship during the upcoming follow-up period.

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If you have questions or require assistance in the course of complying with our recommendations, please contact me or Alvin Wright, Jr., Assistant Inspector General for Inspections and Evaluations at (202) 727-5052.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles C. Maddox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" being more prominent.

Charles C. Maddox, Esq.
Inspector General

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ACA	American Camping Association
BOCA	Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc.
CELR	Committee on Education, Libraries and Recreation
DCOP	District of Columbia Office of Personnel
DCRA	Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
DHHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
DHS	D.C. Department of Human Services
DPM	District Personnel Manual
DPR	Department of Parks and Recreation
DPW	Department of Public Works
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
OCP	Office of Contracts and Procurement
SOW	Statement of Work
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
